

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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May 15, 1998 (David W. Cloud, Fundamental Baptist Information Service, 1701 Harns Rd., Oak Harbor, WA 98277) - I have caught up on all of the additions and corrections to the Church Directory at the Way of Life web site. I am thankful for the many who have given me the names of churches and who have helped by sending corrections to various mistakes which have crept in. It is not uncommon that several times a week people contact me asking us to recommend a church in a certain part of the country or world. This is why I have developed the Internet Directory of Fundamental Baptist Churches at our web site. Many people have left unscriptural and compromised churches and joined good independent Baptist churches after coming across our material on the Internet. I hear about such things regularly and have met a number of these people as I have traveled. Many of them have thanked me profusely for the blessing they are seeing in their lives and homes through the influence of a good church. Our Church Directory exists to help people who searching for a good church.

Some pastors have hesitated to list their church in our directory because they know such a directory can also be used by missionaries and others who solicit their help or who want to sell their products, etc. One pastor specifically requested that I not list his church for this reason. I wrote to him and reminded him that while it is true that not listing his church might cut down on the number of solicitations he receives, it will also make it more difficult for people who have unsaved relatives in his area to seek his help in winning them to Christ or for people who are considering moving to his area to contact him or for people who already live in his area and who are searching for a good church to contact him. I praise the Lord that he changed his mind and had me list his church in the Directory, because it is difficult for churches to help people when they are hiding out!

Please take a few moments to check out the Directory for your part of the country or world. I need help in the following four ways

1. SEND ME THE NAMES OF OTHER GOOD FUNDAMENTAL BAPTIST CHURCHES IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD, ESPECIALLY THOSE YOU KNOW TO BE BASICALLY LIKE-MINDED WITH US. You will need to explain that the church is indeed like-minded, or I will not put a double asterisk before it. Include

the church name, address, phone #, pastor's name, web site and/or e-mail address. There is an article at our web site, "[Marks of Churches We Recommend](http://wayoflife.org/~dcloud/fbns/!churches.htm)," which describes some of the things we look for in churches. It is at the Internet Directory of Independent Baptist Churches -- <http://wayoflife.org/~dcloud/fbns/!churches.htm>

2. IF YOU SEE A CHURCH LISTED WITHOUT A DOUBLE ASTERISK AND YOU KNOW THAT THE CHURCH IS A STRONG, LIKE-MINDED CHURCH, LET ME KNOW SO I CAN ADD THE ASTERISKS.

3. SEND ME THE DETAILS OF ANY CORRECTIONS FOR MISTAKES YOU FIND IN THE DIRECTORY.

4. TELL ME ABOUT ANY SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH ANY OF THE CHURCHES LISTED. In building this directory I am largely dependent upon friends who have knowledge of the churches in the various areas and who are willing to share information with us. It is not wrong to analyze churches and to warn people about problems. In fact, it is very scriptural to do so. Just because a church is independent Baptist does not mean that we can recommend it.

Following are four examples to illustrate the kind of information we are providing in the Church Directory:

Vancouver - **Tabernacle Baptist Church, 4440 Victoria Dr., Vancouver, B.C. V5N 4N6. 604-874-7400 <http://www.mdi.ca/tbcvan/> [Pastor Gordon Conner tbcvan@mdi.ca]

Para Vista, South Australia - **Northside Baptist Church, 145 Nelson Rd., Para Vista South Australia, 5093 <http://www.hutch.com.au/~rlister/mail.htm> [Pastor Gifford Dennison c/o Roy Lister rlister@hutch.com.au]

Beirut - **Lebanon Baptist Church, Ayn Najm, P.O. Box 55-557, Sin-El-Fil, Beirut, Lebanon. 961-1-409810 [Pastor Edgard Traboulsi edgartra@cyberia.net.lb]

Bray, Co. Wicklow, Republic of Ireland - **Calvary Baptist Church. Meets at 43 Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow. Mailing address: 26 Sefton, Rochestown Avenue, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. 353-1-284-8344 <http://indigo.ie/~rafulton/> [Pastor Richard Fulton RichardFulton@bbfi.org]

Again, the double asterisk indicates the church is basically like-minded with us on the various issues. There is an article at our web site, "Marks of Churches We Recommend," which describes some of the things we look for in churches. It is at the Internet Directory of Independent Baptist Churches -- <http://wayoflife.org/~dcloud/fbns/!churches.htm>